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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Special Estimate on the Consequences of Certain Proposed
US Courses of Action with Respect to Communist Aggression
in Southeast Asia

1. At the request of the NSC Senior Staff, the Director of Central Intelligence has authorized a Special Estimate on the above subject. This estimate is to be handled on a "crash" basis, with Thursday, 28 February 1952, as the target date for IAC concurrence.

2. This estimate will be designated as SE-22: Consequences of Certain Proposed US Courses of Action with Respect to Communist Aggression in Southeast Asia.

3. In order to meet the indicated deadline, this Office proposes the following production schedule:

- 15 - 18 February: Preparation of terms of reference and coordination with NSC Senior Staff Steering Group.
- 19 February : IAC agency representatives meeting.
- 21 February : Deadline for IAC agency contributions.
(Afternoon) (O/IE will prepare a skeleton draft between 19 and 21 February.)
- 25 February : Board review of draft.
- 26 - 27 February: Meetings with the IAC agency representatives.
- 28 February : IAC meeting.

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4. The estimate will consider principally the broad consequences of the proposed courses of action, rather than matters of detail concerning Southeast Asia itself. For this reason this Office believes it possible, and proposes, to proceed without altering present plans to coordinate NIE-35/1: Probable Developments in Indochina, in time for the IAC meeting on Thursday, 21 February.

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Acting Executive Secretary

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